

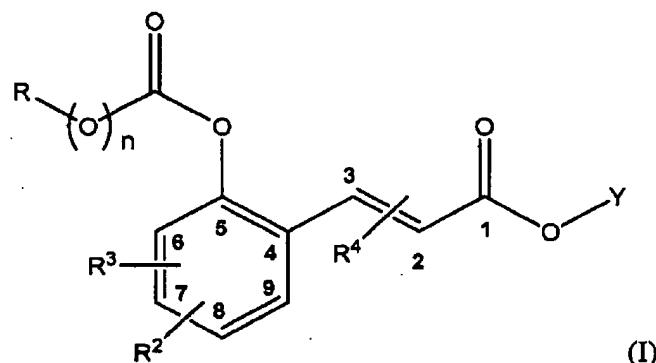
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In the Claims:

1.(Currently amended) A process for preparing compositions which provide upon activation an olfactory compound comprising:

A) incorporating into the composition a compound of formula (I) as precursor for olfactory compounds compound



wherein the acrylic acid ester double bound is of the E configuration;

n is zero or 1;

Y is $-CR^5R^6R^7$, wherein R^5 , R^6 and R^7 are independently hydrogen or a C_1 - C_{18} hydrocarbon residue, and the sum of all carbon atoms ($R^5 + R^6 + R^7$) is not greater than 18; or

Y is $-CR^5R^6R^7$, wherein R^5 , R^6 and R^7 are independently hydrogen or a C_1 - C_{18} hydrocarbon residue containing one or more atoms/groups selected from O, N and C(O), and the sum of all carbon atoms ($R^5 + R^6 + R^7$) is not greater than 18; or

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Y is $-CR^8=CR^9R^{10}$, wherein R⁸, R⁹ and R¹⁰ are independently hydrogen or a C₁-C₁₈ hydrocarbon residue, the geometry of the enol double bond is E or Z, and the sum of all carbon atoms (R⁸ + R⁹ + R¹⁰) is not greater than 18; or

Y is $-CR^8=CR^9R^{10}$, wherein R⁸, R⁹ and R¹⁰ are independently hydrogen or a C₁-C₁₈ hydrocarbon residue containing one or more atoms/groups selected from O, N and C(O), the geometry of the enol double bond is E or Z, and the sum of all carbon atoms (R⁸ + R⁹ + R¹⁰) is not greater than 18;

R² and R³ are independently hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy residue, -NH₂, -NO₂, -NHCO₂CH₃, -N(C₁-C₆ alkyl)₂, -N(hydroxyalkyl)₂, -NHC(O)-(C₁-C₈ alkyl) or -NHC(O)-(C₃-C₈ aryl); or

R² and R³ are attached at the positions C(6,7), C(7,8), or C(8,9), and form together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached a dioxolane ring or a dioxane ring;

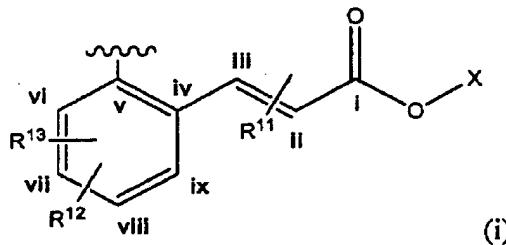
R⁴ in 2- or 3-position is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₂-C₄ alkenyl, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl, or -CN; and

a) if n is zero, R is a C₁-C₂₄ hydrocarbon residue, or C₁-C₂₄ hydrocarbon residue containing one or more heteroatoms selected from N, O and Si; or

b) if n is 1, R is a C₁-C₂₅ hydrocarbon residue, a C₁-C₂₅ hydrocarbon residue containing one or more atoms/groups selected from N, O, Si, and C(O), or C₁-C₂₅ hydrocarbon residue substituted by an ionic substituent of the formula N(R²⁰)₃⁺, in which R²⁰ is the residue of an alkyl group with 1 to 18 carbon atoms; or

R is a monovalent residue of the formula (i)

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wherein

X is $-\text{CR}^{14}\text{R}^{15}\text{R}^{16}$, wherein R^{14} , R^{15} and R^{16} are independently hydrogen or a C_1 - C_{18} hydrocarbon residue, and the sum of all carbon atoms ($\text{R}^{14} + \text{R}^{15} + \text{R}^{16}$) is not greater than 18; or

X is $-\text{CR}^{14}\text{R}^{15}\text{R}^{16}$, wherein R^{14} , R^{15} and R^{16} are independently hydrogen or a C_1 - C_{18} hydrocarbon residue containing one or more atoms/groups selected from O, N and C(O), and the sum of all carbon atoms ($\text{R}^{14} + \text{R}^{15} + \text{R}^{16}$) is not greater than 18; or

X is $-\text{CR}^{17}=\text{CR}^{18}\text{R}^{19}$, wherein R^{17} , R^{18} and R^{19} are independently hydrogen or a C_1 - C_{18} hydrocarbon residue, the geometry of the enol double bond is E or Z, and the sum of all carbon atoms ($\text{R}^{17} + \text{R}^{18} + \text{R}^{19}$) is not greater than 18; or

X is $-\text{CR}^{17}=\text{CR}^{18}\text{R}^{19}$, wherein R^{17} , R^{18} and R^{19} are independently hydrogen or a C_1 - C_{18} hydrocarbon residue containing one or more atoms/groups selected from O, N and C(O), the geometry of the enol double bond is E or Z, and the sum of all carbon atoms ($\text{R}^{17} + \text{R}^{18} + \text{R}^{19}$) is not greater than 18;

R^{12} and R^{13} are independently hydrogen, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkyl, $\text{C}_1\text{-C}_6$ alkoxy residue,

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-NO₂, -NH₂, -NHCO₂CH₃, -N(C₁-C₆ alkyl)₂, -N(hydroxyalkyl)₂,
-NHC(O)-(C₁-C₈ alkyl) or -NHC(O)-(C₃-C₈ aryl); or

R¹² and R¹³ are attached at the positions C(vi,vii), C(vii,viii), or C(viii,ix),
and form together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached a
dioxolane ring or a dioxane ring;

R¹¹ in ii- or iii-position is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₂-C₄ alkenyl, C₃-C₆
cycloalkyl, or -CN; and

B) cleaving the compound of formula (I) by hydrolysis followed by
photoisomerization.

2. (canceled)

3. (canceled)

4.(canceled)

5.(canceled)

6.(previously presented) A process according to claim 1 for preparing compositions
which provide upon activation an olfactory compound comprising incorporating into
the composition a compound of formula (I) wherein R⁵, R⁶ and R⁷are independently
hydrogen or a C₁-C₁₀ hydrocarbon residue.

7.(previously presented) A process according to claim 1 wherein the sum of carbon
atoms R⁵ + R⁶ + R⁷ is between 6 and 15.

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8.(previously presented) A process according to claim 1 for preparing compositions which provide upon activation an olfactory compound comprising incorporating into the composition a compound of formula (I) wherein at least one residue R⁵, R⁶ and R⁷ is not hydrogen.

9.(previously presented) A process according to claim 1 for preparing compositions which provide upon activation an olfactory compound comprising incorporating into the composition a compound of formula (I) wherein R⁸, R⁹ and R¹⁰ are independently hydrogen or a C₁-C₁₀ hydrocarbon residue.

10.(previously presented) A process according to claim 1 wherein the sum of carbon atoms R⁸ + R⁹ + R¹⁰ is between 6 and 15.

11.(previously presented) A process according to claim 1 for preparing compositions which provide upon activation an olfactory compound comprising incorporating into the composition a compound of formula (I) wherein at least one residue R⁸, R⁹ and R¹⁰ is not hydrogen.

12.(previously presented) A process according to claim 1 for preparing compositions which provide upon activation an olfactory compound comprising incorporating into the composition a compound of formula (I) wherein R¹⁴, R¹⁵ and R¹⁶ are independently hydrogen or a C₁-C₁₀ hydrocarbon residue.

13.(previously presented) A process according to claim 1 wherein the sum of carbon atoms R¹⁴ + R¹⁵ + R¹⁶ is between 6 and 15.

14.(previously presented) A process according to claim 1 for preparing compositions which provide upon activation an olfactory compound comprising incorporating into the composition a compound of formula (I) wherein at least one residue R¹⁴, R¹⁵ and R¹⁶ is not hydrogen.

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15.(previously presented) A process according to claim 1 for preparing compositions which provide upon activation an olfactory compound comprising incorporating into the composition a compound of formula (I) wherein R¹⁷, R¹⁸ and R¹⁹ are independently hydrogen or a C₁-C₁₀ hydrocarbon residue.

16.(previously presented) A process according to claim 1 wherein the sum of carbon atoms R¹⁷ + R¹⁸ + R¹⁹ is between 6 and 15.

17.(previously presented) A process according to claim 1 for preparing compositions which provide upon activation an olfactory compound comprising incorporating into the composition a compound of formula (I) wherein at least one residue R¹⁷, R¹⁸ and R¹⁹ is not hydrogen.

18.(previously presented) A process according to claim 1 for preparing compositions which provide upon activation an olfactory compound comprising incorporating into the composition a compound of formula (I) wherein n is 1.

19.(previously presented) A process according to claim 1 for preparing compositions which provide upon activation an olfactory compound comprising incorporating into the composition a compound of formula (I) wherein n is 1 and Y a residue selected from the group consisting of a fragrant alcohol HO-CR⁵R⁶R⁷, of the enol form of a fragrant aldehyde of the formula O=(CH)-CHR⁹R¹⁰, and of the enol form of a fragrant ketone of the formula O=(CR⁸)-CHR⁹R¹⁰.

20.(previously presented) A process according to claim 19 wherein the fragrant alcohol having a molecular weight between 46 and 400.

21.(previously presented) A process according to claim 1 for preparing compositions which provide upon activation an olfactory compound comprising incorporating into

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the composition a compound of formula (I) wherein n is 1 and Y a residue selected from the group consisting of a fragrant alcohol HO-CR⁵R⁶R⁷, of the enol form of a fragrant aldehyde of the formula O=(CH)-CHR⁹R¹⁰, and of the enol form of a fragrant ketone of the formula O=(CR⁸)-CHR⁹R¹⁰, and R is selected from the group consisting of methyl, ethyl, propyl, butyl, pentyl, 2-ethylhexyl, cyclopentyl, cyclohexyl, and the residue of a fragrant alcohol.

22.(previously presented) A process according to claim 21 wherein the fragrant alcohol having a molecular weight between 46 and 400.

23.(previously presented) A process according to claim 19 wherein the fragrant aldehyde having a molecular weight between 100 and 450.

24.(previously presented) A process according to claim 21 wherein the fragrant aldehyde having a molecular weight between 100 and 450.

25.(previously presented) A process according to claim 19 wherein the fragrant ketone having a molecular weight between 100 and 450.

26.(previously presented) A process according to claim 21 wherein the fragrant ketone having a molecular weight between 100 and 450.

27.(currently amended) A process according to claim 1 for preparing compositions which provide upon activation an olfactory compound comprising incorporating into the composition a compound of formula (I) wherein n is 1 and R is a monovalent ~~anonevalent~~ residue of formula (i).

28.(withdrawn) A consumer product comprising a compound of formula (I) as defined by claim 1.

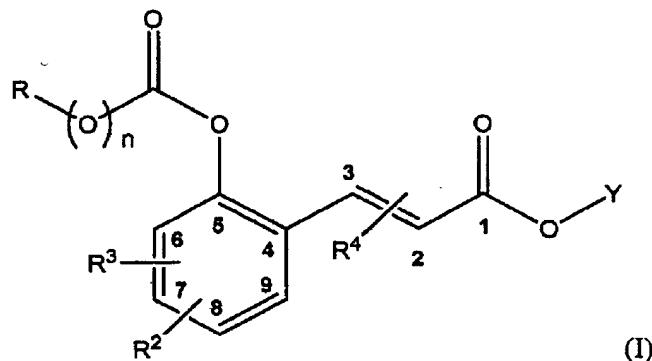
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29.(withdrawn) A consumer product according to claim 28 comprising a compound of formula (I) wherein n is 1 and Y a residue selected from the group consisting of a fragrant alcohol HO-CR⁵R⁶R⁷, of the enol form of a fragrant aldehyde of the formula O=(CH)-CHR⁹R¹⁰, and of the enol form of a fragrant ketone of the formula O=(CR⁸)-CHR⁹R¹⁰.

30.(withdrawn) A consumer product according to claim 28 wherein the consumer product is selected from fine fragrance, industrial care products, institutional care products, home care products, personal care products, industrial cleaning products, institutional cleaning products, home cleaning products, and fabric conditioner.

31.(withdrawn-currently amended) A process of providing an olfactory compound to a substrate comprising the steps:

a) cleaving a compound of formula (I) by hydrolysis followed by
photoisomerization



wherein the acrylic acid ester double bound is of the E configuration;

n is zero or 1;

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Y is $-CR^5R^6R^7$, wherein R⁵, R⁶ and R⁷ are independently hydrogen or a C₁- C₁₈ hydrocarbon residue, and the sum of all carbon atoms (R⁵+ R⁶+R⁷) is not greater than 18; or

Y is $-CR^5R^6R^7$, wherein R⁵, R⁶ and R⁷ are independently hydrogen or a C₁- C₁₈ hydrocarbon residue containing one or more atoms/groups selected from O, N and C(O), and the sum of all carbon atoms (R⁵+ R⁶+R⁷) is not greater than 18; or

Y is $-CR^8=CR^9R^{10}$, wherein R⁸, R⁹ and R¹⁰ are independently hydrogen or a C₁- C₁₈ hydrocarbon residue, the geometry of the enol double bond is E or Z, and the sum of all carbon atoms (R⁸+ R⁹+ R¹⁰) is not greater than 18; or

Y is $-CR^8=CR^9R^{10}$, wherein R⁸, R⁹ and R¹⁰ are independently hydrogen or a C₁- C₁₈ hydrocarbon residue containing one or more atoms/groups selected from O, N and C(O), the geometry of the enol double bond is E or Z, and the sum of all carbon atoms (R⁸+ R⁹+ R¹⁰) is not greater than 18;

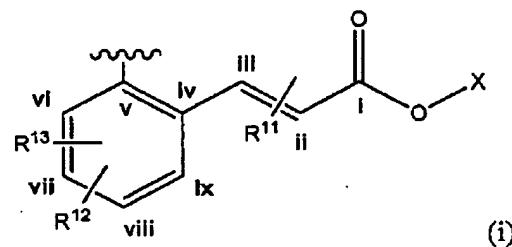
R² and R³ are independently hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy residue, -NH₂, -NO₂, -NHCO₂CH₃, -N(C₁-C₆ alkyl)₂, -N(hydroxyalkyl)₂, -NHC(O)-(C₁-C₈ alkyl) or -NHC(O)-(C₃-C₈ aryl); or

R² and R³ are attached at the positions C(6,7), C(7,8), or C(8,9), and form together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached a dioxolane ring or a dioxane ring;

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R^4 in 2- or 3-position is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₂-C₄ alkenyl, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl, or -CN; and

- a) if n is zero, R is a C₁-C₂₄ hydrocarbon residue, or C₁-C₂₄ hydrocarbon residue containing one or more heteroatoms selected from N, O and Si; or
- b) if n is 1, R is a C₁-C₂₅ hydrocarbon residue, a C₁-C₂₅ hydrocarbon residue containing one or more atoms/groups selected from N, O, Si, and C(O), or C₁-C₂₅ hydrocarbon residue substituted by an ionic substituent of the formula $N(R^{20})_3^+$, in which R²⁰ is the residue of an alkyl group with 1 to 18 carbon atoms; or R is a monovalent residue of the formula (i)



(i)

wherein

X is $-CR^{14}R^{15}R^{16}$, wherein R¹⁴, R¹⁵ and R¹⁶ are independently hydrogen or a C₁-C₁₈ hydrocarbon residue, and the sum of all carbon atoms ($R^{14}+R^{15}+R^{16}$) is not greater than 18; or

X is $-CR^{14}R^{15}R^{16}$, wherein R¹⁴, R¹⁵ and R¹⁶ are independently hydrogen or a C₁-C₁₈ hydrocarbon residue containing one or more atoms/groups selected from O, N and C(O), and the sum of all carbon atoms ($R^{14}+R^{15}+R^{16}$) is not greater than 18; or

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X is $-CR^{17}=CR^{18}R^{19}$, wherein R¹⁷, R¹⁸ and R¹⁹ are independently hydrogen or a C₁-C₁₈ hydrocarbon residue, the geometry of the enol double bond is E or Z, and the sum of all carbon atoms (R¹⁷ + R¹⁸ + R¹⁹) is not greater than 18; or

X is $-CR^{17}=CR^{18}R^{19}$, wherein R¹⁷, R¹⁸ and R¹⁹ are independently hydrogen or a C₁-C₁₈ hydrocarbon residue containing one or more atoms/groups selected from O, N and C(O), the geometry of the enol double bond is E or Z, and the sum of all carbon atoms (R¹⁷ + R¹⁸ + R¹⁹) is not greater than 18;

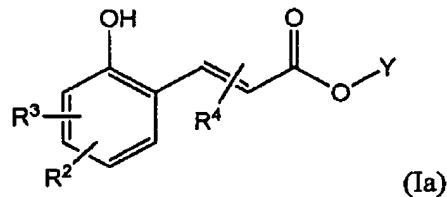
R¹² and R¹³ are independently hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy residue, -NO₂, -NH₂, -NHCO₂CH₃, -N(C₁-C₆ alkyl)₂, -N(hydroxyalkyl)₂, -NHC(O)-(C₁-C₈ alkyl) or -NHC(O)-(C₃-C₈ aryl); or

R¹² and R¹³ are attached at the positions C(vi,vii), C(vii,viii), or C(viii,ix), and form together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached a dioxolane ring or a dioxane ring;

R¹¹ in ii- or iii-position is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₂-C₄ alkenyl, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl, or -CN;

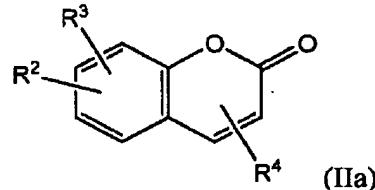
resulting in a compound of formula (Ia)

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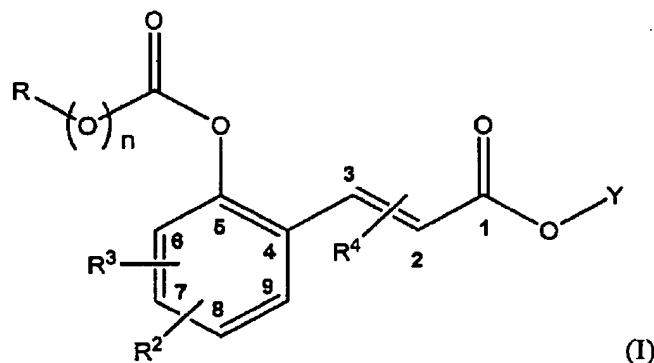
wherein R^2 , R^3 , R^4 and Y have the same meaning as given above;
followed by

b) cleaving the compound of formula (Ia) of step a under activating conditions in the presence of light resulting in a coumarin (IIa)



wherein R^2 , R^3 and R^4 have the same meaning as given above.

32.(withdrawn) A compound of formula (I)



wherein the acrylic acid ester double bound is of the E configuration;

n is zero or 1;

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Y is $-CR^5R^6R^7$, wherein R⁵, R⁶ and R⁷ are independently hydrogen or a C₁-C₁₈ hydrocarbon residue, and the sum of all carbon atoms (R⁵+R⁶+R⁷) is not greater than 18 and at least 6; or

Y is $-CR^5R^6R^7$, wherein R⁵, R⁶ and R⁷ are independently hydrogen or a C₁-C₁₈ aliphatic residue containing one or more atoms/groups selected from O, N and C(O), the sum of all carbon atoms (R⁵+R⁶+R⁷) is not greater than 18; and at least one of the residues R⁵, R⁶ and R⁷ is not hydrogen; or

Y is $-CR^8=CR^9R^{10}$, wherein R⁸, R⁹ and R¹⁰ are independently hydrogen or a C₁-C₁₈ hydrocarbon residue, the geometry of the enol double bond is E or Z, and the sum of all carbon atoms (R⁸+R⁹+R¹⁰) is not greater than 18; or

Y is $-CR^8=CR^9R^{10}$, wherein R⁸, R⁹ and R¹⁰ are independently hydrogen or a C₁-C₁₈ hydrocarbon residue containing one or more atoms/groups selected from O, N and C(O), the geometry of the enol double bond is E or Z, and the sum of all carbon atoms (R⁸+R⁹+R¹⁰) is not greater than 18;

R² and R³ are independently hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy residue, -NH₂, -NO₂, -NHCO₂CH₃, -N(C₁-C₆ alkyl)₂, -N(hydroxyalkyl)₂, -NHC(O)-(C₁-C₈ alkyl) or -NHC(O)-(C₃-C₈ aryl); or

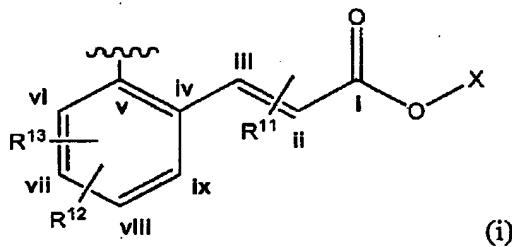
R² and R³ are attached at the positions C(6,7), C(7,8), or C(8,9), and form together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached a dioxolane ring or a dioxane ring;

R⁴ in 2- or 3-position is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₂-C₄ alkenyl, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl, or -CN; and

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- a) if n is zero, R is a C₂-C₂₄ hydrocarbon residue, or C₁-C₂₄ hydrocarbon residue containing one or more heteroatoms selected from N, O and Si; or
- b) if n is 1, R is a C₁- C₂₅ hydrocarbon residue, a C₁- C₂₅ hydrocarbon residue containing one or more atoms/groups selected from N, O, Si, and C(O), or C₁-C₂₅ hydrocarbon residue substituted by an ionic substituent of the formula N(R²⁰)₃⁺, in which R²⁰ is the residue of an alkyl group with 1 to 18 carbon atoms; or

R is a monovalent residue of the formula (i)



wherein

X is -CR¹⁴R¹⁵R¹⁶, wherein R¹⁴, R¹⁵ and R¹⁶ are independently hydrogen or a C₁- C₁₈ hydrocarbon residue, and the sum of all carbon atoms (R¹⁴+ R¹⁵ +R¹⁶) is not greater than 18; or

X is -CR¹⁴R¹⁵R¹⁶, wherein R¹⁴, R¹⁵ and R¹⁶ are independently hydrogen or a C₁- C₁₈ hydrocarbon residue containing one or more atoms/groups selected from O, N and C(O), and the sum of all carbon atoms (R¹⁴+ R¹⁵ +R¹⁶) is not greater than 18; or

X is -CR¹⁷=CR¹⁸R¹⁹, wherein R¹⁷, R¹⁸ and R¹⁹ are independently hydrogen or a C₁- C₁₈ hydrocarbon residue, the geometry of the enol

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double bond is E or Z, and the sum of all carbon atoms ($R^{17} + R^{18} + R^{19}$) is not greater than 18; or

X is $-CR^{17}=CR^{18}R^{19}$, wherein R^{17} , R^{18} and R^{19} are independently hydrogen or a C₁-C₁₈ hydrocarbon residue containing one or more atoms/groups selected from O, N and C(O), the geometry of the enol double bond is E or Z, and the sum of all carbon atoms ($R^{17} + R^{18} + R^{19}$) is not greater than 18;

R^{12} and R^{13} are independently hydrogen, C₁-C₆ alkyl, C₁-C₆ alkoxy residue, -NO₂, -NH₂, -NHCO₂CH₃, -N(C₁-C₆ alkyl)₂, -N(hydroxyalkyl)₂, -NHC(O)-(C₁-C₈ alkyl) or -NHC(O)-(C₃-C₈ aryl); or

R^{12} and R^{13} are attached at the positions C(vi,vii), C(vii,viii), or C(viii,ix), and form together with the carbon atoms to which they are attached a dioxolane ring or a dioxane ring;

R^{11} in ii- or iii-position is hydrogen, C₁-C₄ alkyl, C₂-C₄ alkenyl, C₃-C₆ cycloalkyl, or -CN.

33.(withdrawn) A compound according to claim 32 wherein n is 1 and R^2 , R^3 and R^4 are hydrogen.

34.(withdrawn) A compound according to claim 32 wherein n is 1, R^2 and R^3 are hydrogen and R^4 is selected from methyl and -CN.

35.(withdrawn) A compound according to claim 32 wherein n is 1, R^2 and R^3 are hydrogen and R^4 is phenyl at C(3).

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36.(withdrawn) A compound according to claim 32 wherein n is 1, R² is hydrogen, R³ is at either C(6) to C(8) and R³ is selected from methyl, ethyl, propyl, isopropyl, methoxy, ethoxy and propyloxy, and R⁴ is selected from hydrogen, methyl, -CN, and phenyl at C(3).

37.(withdrawn) A compound according to claim 32 wherein n is 1, R² and R³ are methyl at position C(6,7), C(6,8), C(6,9), C(7,8), or C(8,9), and R⁴ is selected from hydrogen, -CN, and phenyl at C(3).

38.(withdrawn) A compound according to claim 32 wherein n is 1, R² and R³ are methoxy at C(7,9), and R⁴ is selected from hydrogen, -CN, and phenyl at C(3).

39.(withdrawn) A compound according to claim 32 wherein n is 1, R⁴ is selected from hydrogen, methyl, -CN, and phenyl at C(3), R² is methyl at C(6) and R³ is isopropyl at C(9).

40.(withdrawn) A compound according to claim 32 wherein n is 1, R⁴ is selected from hydrogen, methyl, -CN, and phenyl at C(3), R² is isopropyl at C(6) and R³ is methyl at C(9).

41.(withdrawn) A compound according to claim 32 wherein n is 1, R⁴ is selected from hydrogen and methyl, and R² and R³ are hydrogen.

42.(withdrawn) A compound according to claim 32 wherein n is 1, R⁴ is selected from hydrogen and methyl, R² is hydrogen, and R³ is 7-methoxy.

43.(withdrawn) A compound according to claim 32 wherein n is 1, R⁴ is selected from hydrogen and methyl, R² is hydrogen, and R³ is 6-methyl.

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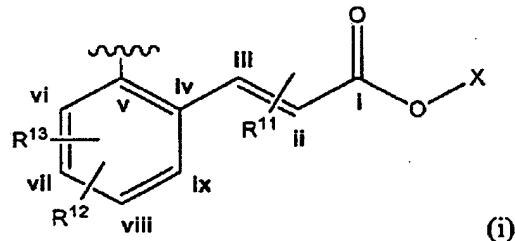
44.(withdrawn) A compound according to claim 32 wherein n is 1, R⁴ is selected from hydrogen and methyl, R² is hydrogen, and R³ is 7-methyl.

45.(withdrawn) A compound according to claim 32 wherein n is 1, R⁴ is selected from hydrogen and methyl, R² is hydrogen, and R³ is 8-methyl.

46.(withdrawn) A compound according to claim 32 wherein n is 1, R⁴ is selected from hydrogen and methyl, R² is hydrogen, and R³ is 6-tert-butyl.

47.(withdrawn) A compound according to claim 32 wherein n is 1, R⁴ is selected from hydrogen and methyl, R² is 6-tert-butyl, and R³ is 8-tert-butyl.

48.(withdrawn) A compound according to claim 32 wherein n is 1 and R is a monovalent residue of the formula (i)



wherein X, R¹¹, R¹² and R¹³ are defined according to claim 27.

49.(withdrawn) A compound according to claim 48 wherein R⁴=R¹¹, R³=R¹³ and R²=R¹².

50.(withdrawn) A process according to claim 31 wherein the compound of formula (I) hydrolysis in the presence of enzymes.